After some confusion His Worship declared the motion in favor of the 16th carried.

NO. THREE'S REPORT.

Ald. Hunt reported:—(1) That the following accounts be paid:—Fire Department pay sheet for month, $302 51; Stevens, Turner & Burns, 10 insulators, $4 50; John Waud, fittings on steam engine, $3; H. C. Green, lumber, 95c.; Mrs. Hayes, washing, $33; Rudd & Tennant, $8 75; James Wilson, $3; H. C. Smyth, $24 67 — total, $380.38. (2) That the communication of G. Woodliffe be referred to the Council. (3) That the petition of W. Willis and others, for a drinking fountain on Richmond street, near the G. W. R. station, be granted, and your Committee reports progress on the same. (4) That the account of the London Gas Light Company be paid, as follows:—Amount of account, $3,010 03; lamps not lighted, $60.55; total, $2,949.48. (5) That none of the tenders now received for the supply of coal and wood be accepted, but that the Chairman of this Committee be empowered to call for new tenders for the whole supply to be delivered in August, and for half supply in August and half in January, 1883, as your Committee think there will be a great saving to the city by so doing. 5. That the following accounts be passed:—Protestant Orphans' Home, for keeping two boys named Ross for three months, $21; G. W. R. pauper passes, $60 31; G. McNeil, wood, $52 50. 6. That Inspector Lee be instructed to be in his office daily from 11 to 1 and from 5 to 6 o'clock.

Ald. Hunt moved the adoption of the report. Ald. Birrell seconded.

In amendment, it was moved by Ald. Becher, seconded by Ald. Macbeth, that the report as to payment of the London Gaslight Company be amended by striking out the clause for payment of their account $2,949.48, and inserting a clause recommending payment of said account less $600 to be retained, and referring it to Committee No. 3 to enquire and report as to whether proper orders for the lamps charged were given before their erection, and as to the items of the account for $28 25 for repairs, etc.

The amendment was carried.

On motion of Ald. Minhinnick, seconded by Ald. Hyman, the report as amended was adopted.

NUMBER TWO'S REPORT.

No. 2 Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:—Commissioners' pay roll ending July 20th, $711 99; Victoria Park, laborers, $75 17½; W. Anthistle, $335.35; Ben. Johnson, $121 87; W. Cathro, $1,300; C. Ware, $104 47½; Fred. Bryan, $10; Moses Cox, $8; John Bryan, $50; total, $2,727.11. Also that the Solicitor be instructed to advertise that sewers will be constructed on all streets or parts of streets on which the citizens have petitioned for the same. That notice be given by advertisement that all parties failing to observe the by-law prohibiting throwing sweepings or other dirt in the streets will be prosecuted; recommended the Council to appropriate $24 to grade the sidewalk, south side of King street between Wellington and Waterloo streets; that the tender of Ben. Johnson's for the construction of the sewers on Wellington and Ridout streets be accepted. The report was adopted.

NO. 1 COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

1. Your Committee beg to refer back to the Council the matter of advertising for sale the property known as the Queen's Park, in lots of such size as the Engineer may recommend. 2. Your Committee beg to recommend that Mr. Burridge be further allowed one quarter's rent, from April 1st, in full of all claims, on account of extra expenditure and interference to business in consequence of additional repairs. 3. That the application of Mr. Rogers for check deposited with tender be granted, as in the opinion of the City Solicitor the same cannot be retained, inasmuch as the specifications were altered after the tender was sent in. 4. Your Committee beg to refer the claim of Mr. James Mackenzie for one quarter's rent. Mr. Mackenzie claims having paid the quarter's rent due March 31st to late treasurer, but no entry appears in the city books for the amount, and Mr. Mackenzie holds no receipt. 5. Your Committee have obtained, and herewith submit, the city solicitor's opinion in reference to complaint of W. S. Wilson on overcharge of freight on oil by the Great Western Railway Company:—

By the 15th clause of the London & Port Stanley Railway it is in effect provided that the charges for freight on oil from Enniskillen and its neighborhood to London freight depot, by G. W. R., are not to exceed the amount from time to time charged for freight on oil by any line of railway from Enniskillen or its neighborhood to St. Thomas or its neighborhood; and by the 25th clause it is provided that in case of a breach of the conditions of the lease the L. & Pt. S. R. Co. may re-enter into possession of the railway, and by the 26th clause the corporation of London is entitled to enforce the forfeiture clause contained in paragraph 25. I would recommend, if, on inquiry, the facts

are as stated by Mr. Wilson, that the Great Western Railway Company should be notified that the Council deem the action of the company to be a violation of the terms of the lease, and will, unless the conditions are complied with, exercise its right of putting an end to the lease, unless the committee are of opinion that there is a misunderstanding about the matter which the company will set right on being written to, in which case a letter from the clerk or some other officer calling the attention of the company to the complaint, and asking that the cause of it be removed, without any threat of cancelling the lease, would probably be the better course."

6 Your Committee recommend that the Chairman of Board of Works and City Engineer be requested to furnish to the Chairman of No. 1 Committee by the 11th of August a detailed statement of all moneys expended under supervision of No. 2 Committee to 1st August, showing how much of such expenditure is chargeable to the General Fund, and how much is chargeable to the grant of $22,500 placed at their credit by the Council, or any other grants made by the Council; also a statement of all work under contract at present, showing amounts paid and amounts yet to be paid on such contracts; also a detailed estimate of all other proposed expenditure for the current financial year. 7. That the Chairman of No. 3 Committee be requested to furnish to the Chairman of No. 1 Committee by the 11th August a detailed statement of all moneys expended under supervision of No. 3 Committee to August 1st; also detailed statement of estimated expenditure for balance of financial year, showing all or any amounts now outstanding in respect of contracts or otherwise; also estimate of anticipated receipts for balance of year from all sources. 8 That the Chairman of the Board of Health be requested to furnish to the Chairman of No. 1 Committee by August 11th a detailed statement of expenditure to August 1st; and estimate of anticipated expenditure for balance of year. 9 That the Board of School Trustees be requested to furnish to the Chairman of No. 1 Committee by August 11th a statement of amounts required by them for the current year, showing how much is wanted for the High School and how much for Public Schools. 10. That the Board of Police Commissioners be requested to furnish to the chairman of No 1 Committee by August 11th estimates for the year. 11. Your Committee recommend that the petition of Mr. Fatt be granted, the City Solicitor having given his opinion that by law they are exempt. 12. Your Committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct, recommend the same for payment:—Relief, George McNeill, wood, $52 50; Great W. R. R., passes, $60 30; Wm. Hinton, burials, $56 50; Protestant Orphans' Home, board, $21. Fire Department, pay sheet, $302 51; Stevens, Turner & Burns, $4 50; John Ward, $3; H. C. Green, 95 cents; Mrs. Hayes, $33; Rudd & Tennant, $8 75; J. H. Wilson, $3; H. C. Smyth, $24.67. London Gas Light Company, $2,349 48. Board of Health, W. T. Strong, vaccine, $7.27; W. T. Strong, vaccine, $6 70; M. Marwood, nursing, $45; Dr. W. E. Waugh, $13 25; Dr. J. S. Edwards, $46; Dr. W. J. McGuigan, $83; Dr. James M. Smith, $51.50; Dr. Jones, $65; Dr. Edwards & MacArtur, $107; James Marshall, $15. Total—$3 659 88.

On motion it was decided to discuss the report clause by clause.

Upon clause one,

Ald. Pritchard moved that the clause in the last report from No. 2 Committee, for the sale of Salter's Grove, be adopted.

Ald. Murray seconded the motion.

In amendment, Ald. Sharman moved that the sale of Salter's Grove be deferred for six months.

Ald. Minhinnick must oppose the motion and amendment, also the report of No. 1, as he did not believe the citizens were in favor of selling the park. He was strongly in favor of selling the Exhibition Grounds, as in that event they would derive some revenue, whereas the sale of the park would only benefit London East.

A further amendment was moved by Ald. Jones, that the sale of Salter's Grove be deferred until the estimates have been made out and we know our financial position, and then if found necessary to raise funds, that Queen's Park be sold in lots on the first Monday in September.

Ald. Higgins seconded the amendment.

The amendment of Ald. Sharman was carried on the following division; Ald. Jones not voting:—

Yeas—Ald. Becher, Browne, Higgins, Taylor, Hyman, Birrell, Hunt, Minhinnick, Sharman—9.

Nays—Ald. Pritchard, Murray, O'Meara, Skinner, Ferguson, Boyd, Macbeth—7.

Clauses 2, 3 and 4 were adopted without discussion.

No. 5 clause was referred back to Committee.

The balance of the report was adopted.

THE AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Ald. Boyd would like to ask when the Council is to be furnished with the quarterly audit report.